1. National Institue of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Bangalore.

2. Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi.

The Government has at present no proposal to set up new Institutions.

Steps to promote/popularise naturopathy in the country

272. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, was of the opinion that naturopathy was the only system of medicine that was best suited for our countrymen;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government so far to promote naturopathy; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to popularise naturopathy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, had strong faith in Naturopathy and advocated the practice of this system in the country.

(b) and (c) With a view to initiate, aid, develop and coordinate scientific research in different aspects, fundamental and applied of Yoga & Naturopathy and to promote and assist institutions of research for the study of diseases, their prevention causation and remedy, the Government have established Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy.

It has also been decided to set up a National Institute of Naturopathy at Pune. A provision of Rs. 1.00 crore has been made for this Institute during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Tibetan Medical Institute at Dharamsala

273. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tibetan Medical Institute is functioning at Dharamsala and if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(b) the extent to which the institute has been able to cure the patients of their ailments so far; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to develop the Tibetan method of healing treatment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Tibetan Medical Institute at Dharamsala is not financed by the Government and as such the Government have no information about the functioning of the institution.

(c) Government have no proposal under consideration for development of Tibetan System of Medicine presently.

Acupuncture treatment in the Country

274. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the ailments which can be cured by acupuncture and the places where this facility is available in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of pins, laser beams are now being used in fields of acupuncture in certain hospitals; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the places of treatment?